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Department of Parks and Recreation launches blue lighting pilot project in effort to discourage illicit drug use, loitering

In an effort to discourage illicit drug use and loitering, the Department of Parks and Recreation is launching a blue lighting pilot project in comfort stations at various parks throughout the island.

According to researchers, blue lights disrupt the activity of illicit drug users and discourages them from loitering. Local governments such as the City of Philadelphia as well as retail industry researchers have adopted this idea.

Blue lighting are piloted in the following areas:

- Kealia Kai comfort station
- Kealia Beach comfort station
- Kapa'a Beach Park comfort station
- Kapa'a Lihi comfort station
- Puhi Park comfort station
- Spouting Horn comfort station, and
- Hanapēpē Tennis Court comfort station.

The use of blue lighting is one portion of a larger campaign to improve the overall quality of Kaua'i's public comfort stations for use by the general public.